



INDIANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

Community Outreach Efforts

May 3, 2006: Indiana Disproportionality Committee (IDC) Large-Committee Meeting

IDC convened for a meeting at the State House to review past presentations, discuss future presentation opportunities, and reiterate/revisit scope of committee. As IDC progresses forward it is key that the committee remains true to its scope of work and focus. At the meeting we scheduled the next large committee meetings along with additional training times. The purpose of the additional training session is due to the increased request of presentation opportunities. Committee members are also strongly recommended to continue working/communicating with members of their sub-committee. With the addition of IU CEEP and their prospected works towards DMC data collection and assessment we will be progressing well. By the end of 2006, IDC continues to intend to develop a recommended action plan based on IU CEEP's findings as well as from the dialogue/conversation sessions completed.

May 4, 2006: Meeting with Cathy Danyluk, Juvenile Justice Liaison: Department of Education

With ICJI's partnership with the Department of Education, representatives of ICJI were able to sit down and meet with the juvenile justice liaison. At this meeting the existing presentation was reviewed and feedback was provided. Efforts to push forward the presentation in its final stages continue to run ahead of schedule. Suggestions such as participating in Juvenile Detention Monthly Meetings and becoming more of a support role for legislature impact in DMC changes were reiterated. Ms. Danyluk will be contacting DOE, Division of Exceptional Learners personnel to follow up with additional information that may need to be added.

May 10, 2006: SPSS Data Conversion and Analysis

Collaboration efforts of the research sub-committee made by members of Children's Bureau, Inc, Indiana Youth Institute and ICJI were done in order to analyze and convert data provided by Indiana's Department of Child Services. Individuals ran a few frequencies and descriptive analysis in order to gauge what type of data they were given. The intention of analyzing the report is to provide substantial data to illustrate that DMC does exist in the child welfare realm in Indiana. The research sub-committee has passed along its queries and data to Monique Bausch of IARCCA for further analysis. Update on data provided will be discussed at the May sub-committee meeting later this month.

May 10, 2006: DMC Conference Call

Our second DMC Conference Call of the year with other DMC coordinators and Juvenile Justice Specialist began with discussion of any data entry concerns for the new Web-Based DMC Query. Few states have experienced major setbacks in regards to reporting information. Once concerns and recommended suggestions were reviewed focus shifted to the OJJDP's Annual DMC Conference that will be held in September in New Orleans. Dates are still not set in stone and adding additional days is currently being weighed. From the conference Indiana was able to volunteer and become a possible pilot site for working with State Police in better training/educating police at the first point of contact.

May 12, 2006: DMC Follow Up: Tawanna Clarke

Personnel from ICJI met with Tawanna Clarke (independent practice) to discuss possible presentation opportunities. Ms. Clarke has willingly volunteered her time to travel within limits to facilitate the DMC dialogue/conversation sessions. At the meeting new strategies to involve more committee members were discussed. Additional information to enhance presentation was reviewed for clarification in regards to the juvenile justice field.

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